

SENATE RESOLUTION 80
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathryn Sisco on her selection as Teacher of the Year at John Hay Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Sisco is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sisco has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at John Hay Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Sisco will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as a fifth grade teacher at John Hay Elementary since 1993, Kathryn Sisco has a prestigious educational background that includes a bachelor's degree from Kent State University, a master's degree from Tusculum College, and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, before joining the John Hay Elementary staff, Ms. Sisco taught at Lincoln, Manley, and Hillcrest elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, at John Hay Elementary, Ms. Sisco serves as the Beta Club sponsor, Resource Steering Committee Chair, the 504 Chair, School Improvement Committee Chair, and the web page designer; she is also a mentor for new teachers and a supervisor for practicum teachers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her students having the county's highest fifth grade writing scores, Kathryn Sisco received the Golden Pen Award from the Hamblen County Board of Education; she has also sponsored the Junior Beta Club state champion dancers and was recognized by the Board of Education for her Education Edge job shadowing; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Sisco's leadership activities include Ed.D. internships with East High School's former principal, Jerry Williams and former Special Services supervisor, Mike Hays, as well as an internship with the Juvenile Court; she is trained in the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) method and is Tusculum College's liaison for graduate courses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sisco is a ConnectTEN project participant and a member of the Tennessee Technology Framework development committee for the State Department of Education; her presentations have included "Adding Student Computers to One-Computer Classrooms: The Next Phase" and "Integrating the Computer into the One-Computer Classroom"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sisco is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of her community, Kathryn Sisco is a faithful member of First Baptist Church and is a member of the National Education Association and the Hamblen County Education Association; she also serves as assistant manager for her son's soccer team, which recently placed sixth in the state for their age group; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Kathryn Sisco should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Kathryn Sisco on being chosen as John Hay Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.